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# BIENNIAL REPORT

of the  
Trustees of the Western Illinois  
State Normal School for the  
Years Ending Dec. 26, 1908

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# Report of Trustees

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS, December 26, 1908.

*To the Honorable Charles S. Deneen, Governor of Illinois:*

In compliance with Section VIII, of the Act of April 24, 1899, establishing the Western Illinois State Normal School, the Board of Trustees submits the following report of its actions and proceedings, with a statement of all accounts connected therewith, for the period beginning Jan. 1, 1907, and ending Dec. 26, 1908.

During the year ending August 30, 1907, there were enrolled 703 students, including 276 in the Elementary, or training school. Of these, on the recommendation of the faculty, 22 were awarded the diploma of the school June 6 and one December 16, 1907.

The enrollment for the year ending August 31, 1908, was 845. Of these 212 were in the elementary schools. On the recommendation of the faculty thirty-six diplomas were authorized June 10, and four at the regular meeting held September 14, 1908.

The whole number of graduates of the school is now 146. Nearly all of them are engaged in teaching.

and as we judge from the reports, a fair share of them with marked success.

The arrangement entered into in 1906 with school District No. 56 of McDonough county, referred to in our biennial report of that year, has fully justified itself.

The training teacher assigned to duty in that district has proven to be eminently adapted to that peculiar work with the general result that the affiliated country school has been greatly improved, even in some respects, become ideal, while it has been of great service to the Normal School for training purposes.

Somewhat in harmony with this relationship has been the establishment of a small agricultural experiment field co-operative with the station at the University. This field, of between two and three acres, is divided into plots a rod square, so arranged and cultivated as to be a repetition on a smaller scale of the Soil experiments at Urbana. The Agricultural college of the University has very generously taken care that we have kept headed in the right direction with this particular piece of work. Again, as a further effort to meet the needs of the farm schools, a short course has been provided for young persons who have decided to teach in the ungraded schools and who, as they think, cannot possibly arrange to make full preparation. This is an experiment. We are not absolutely clear that it will prove to be the right thing. It seemed worth trying, and is in harmony with our general purpose to keep the country schools in mind and serve them as well as the graded schools, if we can.

These are the only things, which, if any, differentiate this school from the other teachers' training schools. The broader aim is to take young students who have prepared for college, or its equivalent, and train them in the art of teaching children. Perhaps, too, an observer might get an impression from the things referred to (and our free use of many forms of manual and household arts as education stuff), that practical ability to do things—solve problems—is in danger of emphasis at the expense of what is commonly thought of as scholarship. We are guarding against such a mistake, but we believe that school education should, from first to last increase the power of every child to lift, or push, or pull his own weight, which leads us to rate practical ability as high as culture, and to send our cadets into the field prepared as well as possible to balance these sometimes conflicting aims.

Our financial needs were comfortably provided for by the Forty-fifth General Assembly. The sum of \$1693.24, made up of small balances from eight different funds appropriated by the 43d and 44th general assemblies for building and furnishing, was returned to the State Treasury December 14, 1908. Our requirements for ordinary expenses for the next two years will not greatly, if at all, exceed the amount used during the period covered by this report.

The following statement of the receipts from all sources, and the expenditures for the calendar year 1907, and for the year 1908 to the date of this report, will exhibit the use made of the funds.

*Report of the Trustees*

**Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending  
December 31, 1907.**

**RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.**

<i>Date.</i>	<i>From Whom Received—Fund.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Jan. 1, Balance on hand .....	\$	29,540.99
Jan. 3, Alfred Bayliss, special.....		200.00
Mar. 16, Same .....		200.00
Apr. 3, Same .. .....		100.00
Apr. 4, Same .....		100.00
Apr. 12, J. M. Keefer, ordinary.....		.75
Apr. 20, Alfred Bayliss, special.....		100.00
May 1, P. D. Campbell, physical and chemical laboratory .....		7.00
May 17, J. M. Keefer, improvement of grounds .....		4.50
June 5, State Treasurer, ordinary .....		20,090.00
June 7, Alfred Bayliss, special.....		400.00
June 11, J. M. Keefer, improvement of grounds .....		21.60
June 27, Alfred Bayliss, special .....		100.00
July 8, State Treasurer, ordinary.. ..		15,000.00
July 8, State Treasurer, library. ....		3,000.00
July 8, State Treasurer, improvement of grounds. ....		3,000.00
July 8, State Treasurer, repairs. ....		2,000.00
July 8, State Treasurer, trustees' expenses. .		500.00
July 8, State Treasurer, paving and concrete ..		5,000.00
Aug. 29, Alfred Bayliss, special.....		54.87
Sept. 23, State Treasurer, ordinary.....		15,000.00
Sept. 24, Alfred Bayliss, ordinary.....		350.00

Sept. 25, J. M. Keefer, improvement of grounds . . . . .	7.50
Oct. 5, Alfred Bayliss, special.....	200.00
Oct. 14, American Type Founders Company, ordinary.. . . .	.20
Nov. 4, J. M. Keefer, ordinary.....	52.50
Nov. 9, J. M. Keefer, ordinary.....	2.50
Nov. 18, J. M. Keefer, ordinary.....	35.00
Dec. 5, Alfred Bayliss, special.....	100.00
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	\$ 95,167.41

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Biological laboratory . . . . .	\$ 74.20
Building Fund.... .	707.58
Drawing department . . . . .	380.00
Fencing and drainage . . . . .	25.50
Gymnasium . . . . .	59.00
Improvement of grounds . . . . .	4,798.58
Library . . . . .	5,314.54
Manual training . . . . .	83.87
Maps and charts.. . . .	7.50
Ordinary . . . . .	56,066.37
Paving and concrete ... . .	1,643.25
Physical and chemical laboratory . . . . .	907.24
Repairs . . . . .	821.29
Seating assembly hall and additional rooms. . . . .	177.00
Seating society halls . . . . .	195.65
Trustees' expenses .. . . .	154.87
Dec. 31, Balance on hand . . . . .	23,750.97
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	\$ 95,167.41

## Report of the Trustees

Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1908 to the  
date of this Report, December 26, 1908.

## RECEIPTS.

Date.	From Whom Received—Fund.	Amount.
Jan. 1, Balance on hand.....		\$ 23,750.97
Jan. 22 Josie A. Tabler, special .....		100.00
Mar. 10, Alfred Bayliss, special .....		100 00
Mar. 23, State Treasurer, ordinary.....		15,000.00
Apr. 1, Alfred Bayliss, special .....		100.00
May 5, J. M. Keefer, ordinary....		60 30
June 3, J. M. Keefer, imp. of grounds.....		<del>1</del> 75
June 3, W. F. Twyman, Special.....		200.00
June 10, State Treasurer, ordinary .....		15,000.00
June 10, State Treasurer, repairs....		2,000.00
June 10, State Treasurer, library .....		3,000.00
June 10, State Treasurer, trustees' fund...		500.00
Aug. 5, J. M. Keefer, imp. of grounds.....		1.40
Sept. 1, Alfred Bayliss, special.....		138.03
Sept. 15, State Treasurer, ordinary.....		15,000.00
Sept. 19, Josie A. Tabler, special .....		27.50
Oct. 1, <sup>23</sup> <i>To error in Jour. p. 168 - ord.</i> Alfred Bayliss, special .....		<del>100.00</del> <sup>08</sup>
Oct. 5, J. M. Keefer, special .....		6.81
Oct. 14 <i>Am. Type Foundry returned - ord</i> H. K. Smith, special .....		<del>37.36</del> <sup>20</sup>
Oct. 24, H. K. Smith, special .....		37.36
Oct. 24, J. M. Keefer, ordinary .....		1.00
Oct. 24, W. D. Allen Mfg. Co., ordinary ...		14.85
Nov. 7, J. M. Keefer, special .....		20.00
Nov. 9, Fred Smith, Imp. of grounds .....		3.00
Nov. 10, Alfred Bayliss, special .....		100.00
Dec. 14, State Treasurer, ordinary .....		15,000.00
Dec. 2, <i>J. M. Keefer imp. grounds</i> .....		3.
7 " " " - ordinary .....		25

Dec. 18, J. M. Keefer, ordinary.....	3.24
Dec. 19, Alfred Bayliss, special .....	100.00
	<u>404.49</u>
	\$ 90,366.21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Additional Furniture and furnishings.....	\$ 2.00
Biological Laboratory .....	518.76
Building .....	874.37
Carpets .....	62.69
Drawing department .....	100.85
Fencing and drainage .....	78.29
Furniture for completed building.....	8.86
Gymnasium .....	102.34
Improvement of grounds .....	5,304.50
Library .....	4,860.91
Manual training ....	208.90
Maps and charts .....	2.17
Ordinary .....	50,148.54
Paving and concrete .....	2,093.86
Repairs ..	1,081.99
Seating assembly hall and additional rooms.	616.32
Seating society halls.....	800.00
Trustees' expenses .....	192.67
Special .....	8,200.00
December 26, Balance on hand .....	15,108.19
	<u>16,878.18</u>
	\$ 90,366.21
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Respectfully submitted for the Board of Trustees,

L. H. HANNA, President.

JOHN A. MEAD, Secretary.

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Subsistence of Teachers  
Subsistence of Employers  
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School Apparatus (Permanent)  
" Supplies of all sorts  
Miscellaneous

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